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Serial No.: 09/100,595 : Intellectual Property Law  
Filed: June 19, 1998 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1  
Examiner: W. Starks : 3605 Highway 52 North  
For: OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF : Rochester, MN 55901  
COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT  
AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM  
MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES  
OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION REQUESTING  
CONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)

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Respectfully submitted,

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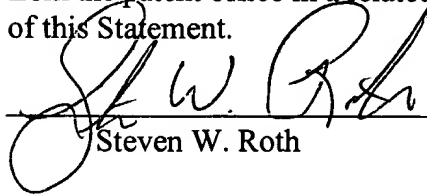
  
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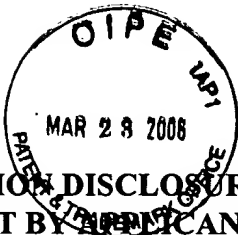
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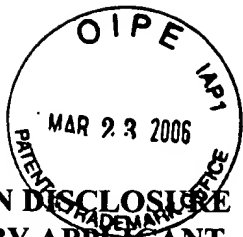
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